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SUBJECT: ROC INTEREST IN TARGET DRONES

REF: TAIPEI 6179, 9 OCT. 1973

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION FROM NORTHROP CORPORATION TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL DATA TO ROC ON THE CHUKAR II AERIAL TARGET SYSTEM. WE ARE INCLINED TO DENY THIS APPLICATION, SINCE CHUKAR II, WITH FAIRLY EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS BY MANUFACTURER, HAS RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY. WE UNDERSTAND CHUKAR II USED ELSEWHERE BOTH FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND AS DECOY. MODIFICATION OF CHUKAR II FOR THESE ROLES WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL EXPORT LICENSE APPROVAL.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REALIZE THE ROC MAY HAVE VALID NEED FOR MORE ADVANCED TARGET DRONE TO EXERCISE SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ROC NOW USING PROPELLER-DRIVEN TARGET DRONE PRODUCED BY NORTHROP, AND THAT FIREBEE DRONES WERE FORMERLY PROVIDED UNDER MAP.

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THESE, HOWEVER, ARE LARGER AND MORE EXPENSIVE THAN CHU-

KAR, WHICH PRESUMABLY EXPLAINS ROC INTEREST IN LATTER SYSTEM.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE CONSULT WITH MAAG TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. DOES ROC HAVE A GENUINE NEED FOR MORE ADVANCED TARGET DRONES?

B. ARE THERE OTHER TARGET DRONES MORE SUITABLE TO OUR REQUIREMENTS, I.E., WHICH CANNOT BE CONVERTED TO OTHER ROLES?

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